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Soccer World is banned from Sportsground...

Buy your copy of SOCCER WORLD next week at a newsagent or OUTSIDE the Sportsground on Saturday.

This is the advice we have to give you as we won't sell inside the Sportsground.

Last week the NSW Federation Executive informed us that they would not permit SOCCER WORLD to be sold inside the ground.

No doubt this was the punishment the Executive decided to hand out for our recent criticisms of their leadership.

And all this only about two months after the Executive publicly announced that they invite any sort of press criticism . . .

What they forgot to add was that they intend to retaliate in this childish petty way.

So make sure you get your copy before you enter the Sportsground next Saturday week.

And once inside — refuse any cheap imitations . . .

Flotta Lauro Players' Contest

HAKOAH TRIO IN THE LEAD

Hakoah's domination of the Sydney First Division championship is reflected in the current standings of the SOCCER WORLD-FLOTTA LAURO Players' Contest.

With almost one third of the competition over for most of the clubs, Hakoah players fill the first three places in the Contest and another three are still in the race for the first prize.

The player with the highest points average at the completion of the 22 championship rounds will again win a cruise to New Zealand on either of the luxury Flotta Lauro liners, "Angelina Lauro" or "Achille Lauro".

Players must have appeared at least 16 times to qualify for Sydney's most glamorous player award.

At the moment teammates Ray Baartz and Roy Blitz are engaged in a close tussle at the top of the standings, but any of the players whose names are published below, all of whom have averaged 4 points or more to date, are still in with very much of a chance.

The current leaders in the Players' Contest are:

BAARTZ (Hakoah)	**4.50**
BLITZ (Hakoah)	4.43
RUTHERFORD (Hak.)	4.28
QUESTED (Auburn)	4.25
MOSCHEN (Marconi)	4.16
EATON (Melita)	4.14
ABONYI (St. George)	4.00
ACKERLEY (APIA)	4.00
CLISS (St. George)	4.00
KEDDIE (Hakoah)	4.00
MARNOCH (Hakoah)	4.00
B. SMITH (Pan Hell.)	4.00
WALSH (Hakoah)	4.00

● **For results and progress points of our Tipping Contest see page 2.**

City tour profit is in big danger

The eagerly anticipated rich profits from the Manchester City tour are in grave danger.

Only slightly less than 18,000 saw their first Sydney match — and probably much less will see them in the second game on May 30.

As if it wasn't bad enough that Manchester City gave a thoroughly drab display, some of their officials later admitted that "only winning" was their concern.

Others, quite uncharacteristically of the usually diplomatic English managers, went out of their way to offend their NSW hosts by announcing that "...NSW didn't have one player worth speaking about".

City won — but in the process must have given a few grey hairs to ASF and NSW Federation officials, who are now deeply worried about the success of the tour.

It's now certain that the NSW Federation and clubs made a fatal mistake in opting for Saturday matches in Sydney as Sunday soccer in the past has always proved a much bigger drawcard.

GERMAN TREAT

Werder Bremen, one of West Germany's oldest soccer clubs, will play against Prague at the Marks Field on Wednesday, June 3.

Those who remember the top-class brand of soccer served up by another West German side, VfB Stuttgart, in 1965 won't want to miss this match.

The Germans are coming with all their first team players, except fullback Hottges, on World Cup duty in Mexico.

The many thousands of fans who were disgusted with Manchester City last Saturday could do worse than to come out and have a look at the polished visitors from Germany.

Werder Bremen is the eighth overseas team Prague has presented to the Australian public and few will dispute that Slovan Bratislava, Sparta Prague, Inter Bratislava or VfB Stuttgart had much more to offer than the City team we saw last week.

Second half substitute Adrian Alston (left) tangles with fullback Glyn Pardoe in this action shot from last Saturday's NSW v. Manchester City match. Pardoe was one of the rare City players who impressed the disappointed and disappointing crowd of less than 18,000 spectators. Match report page 3, players' performances page 4.

BIG HURDLES FACING APIA

This is the week when ailing APIA will have to pull themselves together — or face the consequences.

On Wednesday they meet St. George and on Sunday they come up against Hakoah.

Should they lose both games, they will struggle badly to reach the semi-finals.

If anybody takes the trouble to untangle the maze of messy figures in the competition table he will be richly rewarded by some curious facts.

After 7 rounds, Auburn have played 8 games, 5 of them at home while Ryde have had 5 matches, 4 of them away...

Auburn are still averaging better than a point a match and both South Sydney and Pan Hellenic are gradually moving up the table.

Hakoah look absolutely unstoppable and some of their bolder fans are already taking bets that the blue-whites will breeze through the season undefeated.

Prague and Melita are struggling while Canterbury and South Coast still bring up the rear.

NSW FEDERATION FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* Home match
Hakoah	7	7	—	—	34	6	14	4	4	—	—	20	4	8	3	3	—	—	14	2	6	APIA
St. George	6	5	—	1	19	6	10	3	3	—	—	11	3	6	3	2	—	1	8	3	4	Ryde
Auburn	8	4	1	3	18	20	9	5	3	1	1	14	9	7	3	1	—	2	4	11	2	Pan Hellenic*
South Sydney	6	3	1	2	14	11	7	3	2	1	—	7	4	5	3	1	—	2	7	7	2	Canterbury*
Ryde	5	3	1	1	9	8	7	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	7	7	5	St. George*
Pan Hellenic	7	3	1	3	12	14	7	3	1	1	1	5	5	3	4	2	—	2	7	9	4	Auburn
APIA	6	2	1	3	8	8	5	4	2	—	2	7	6	4	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	Hakoah*
Marconi	7	2	1	4	9	13	5	3	2	—	1	6	4	4	4	—	1	3	3	9	1	Prague*
Prague	7	2	1	4	10	17	5	4	2	1	1	7	6	5	3	—	—	3	3	11	—	Marconi
Melita Eagles	7	1	3	3	5	12	5	4	1	1	2	4	8	3	3	—	2	1	1	4	2	South Coast
Canterbury	7	1	2	4	10	22	4	3	—	1	2	2	11	1	4	1	1	2	8	11	3	South Sydn
South Coast	7	1	—	6	10	21	2	3	1	—	2	6	6	2	4	—	—	4	4	15	—	Melita Eag

READERS' LETTERS

"HERALD" HITS BACK

Mr. E. Guido, the president of APIA-Leichhardt Soccer Club, is wrong in his letter published on May 15.

Mr. Guido says The Sydney Morning Herald "kept the public in the dark altogether" over the result of the APIA-Hellas inter-city Ampol Cup match in Melbourne.

In fact, the result of the match was published in the stop press in early copies of Saturday, May 9, and a report of the match was published on page 34 in all later editions.

The report correctly stated that George Blues was the goalscorer in question.

It is a pity that Mr. Guido did not check his facts before writing.

JOHN NEWNHAM,
Sporting Editor,
"Sydney Morning Herald"

ANOTHER GOOF

Manchester City manager Joe Mercer and coach Malcolm Allison last Thursday addressed a meeting of about 100 Sydney coaches at the Pitt Street Sports Centre. This was arranged through the initiative of the NSW Coaches' Federation who took it on themselves to personally notify all their members. However, the meeting almost got unstuck: whoever was requested by the Coaches to notify Mercer and Allison of this engagement — forgot all about it. A prominent official of the Coaches Federation found the two Manchester officials resting in their motel on the night of the meeting. They literally had to be begged to turn up at the Sports Centre where all the guests were waiting. Finally, instead of the scheduled 8 p.m., they arrived at 8.45 p.m. — totally unprepared to give any really meaningful address.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

During his regular Sunday TV soccer show, Australian and NSW captain JOHN WARREN candidly questioned the wisdom of bringing out to Australia under-strength English teams who regard the tour as a holiday. He also admitted that "some NSW" players spared themselves against City — thinking of next day's competition matches.

More about referee FRANK SBISA's special ways with dogs. Frank breeds pedigreed boxers and will have a litter of nine available in three weeks.

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When Manchester City arrived in Brisbane last Saturday evening, their officials reiterated that no players so far on tour had impressed them. Manager JOE MERCER, however, added that the standard was higher than he had expected and that to date Western Australia, who held City to a 1-1 draw, was the best side they had played against.

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APIA has certainly been in the wars with injury problems. Will o' the whisp winger GRAEME MACKINNON was fit enough to play second grade last week, but still carries ankle and knee injuries. PAT HUGHES is out for some time yet, but big JIM SAMBROOK is ready to return.

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It is almost certain that MELITA EAGLES will adopt a western suburbs name to replace their current "Newtown" tag. The Eagles are negotiating with Parramatta Council to establish a home ground at Jeffrey Reserve, North Parramatta — a location just over a mile from the Parramatta Post Office. The club, which will soon be made a proprietary company as a first step in this project, hopes to get a long-term lease from the Council on a piece of ground which the Council plans to develop into a full-size soccer field anticipated for completion around March 1971. A ground commission from the Melita Committee will meet Council officials on June 1 to discuss details on the project and the Committee has called a public meeting for its members and supporters to be held a week later on Sunday, June 7, at the Cedars of Lebanon Hall, Harris Park.

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Inter-Suburban club Wentworthville Waratah is fielding GRAHAM HARRIVEL, who rejoined the club after a spell with Hakoah. Wenty also have BOBBY VINCENT, a talented inside forward who played with Auburn two seasons ago, and BOB KELLY, who played with Marconi.

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ZIVKO TRKULJA, Ryde's new 31-year-old inside-forward from Yugoslavia, makes his debut against St. George on Saturday. Trkulja has been very impressive at training and coach Leo Baumgartner expects his brilliant midfield promptings and pin-point passes to further lift Ryde's excellent early season form.

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ROBBY FEKETE's jersey must be Hakoah's lucky charm. Ever since he has moved into the forward-line and worn the number 8 jersey on his back, Hakoah haven't lost a match.

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The DEFERRED MATCH between Canterbury and Ryde will be played next Wednesday night at the Marks Field.

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PETER CORFIELD, the Sutherland first grade winger who has been hampered by an ankle injury, had his first game since last August in reserve grade last Sunday.

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Few in the crowd appreciated the CONDUCT of some Manchester City players when they took the field in the second half. While waiting for NSW to come out, four of the visitors lay flat on their backs. It was not only sloppy and ill-mannered, but an insult to the intelligence of spectators as the City players certainly had nothing to feel tired about after the football they dished out in the first half. But it was equally ill-mannered for NSW to come out so late after the break — which lasted 14 minutes. In England the regulation break is five minutes.

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DAVID SHIELDS, the Hornsby-NE defender will marry Miss Carol McInnes at St. Marks Church, Picton, on June 6. The couple will honeymoon at Norfolk Island.

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Polonia's president, KAROL CHODKIEWICZ, went to see the Manchester City game last Saturday leaving his car "safely" parked in the Moore Park parking area. When he came out, his car was gone together with five sets of jerseys, several pairs of new soccer boots and soccer balls. The club had to borrow strips from the NSW Federation for its teams against Manly on Sunday.

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LOUIS FALZON, Melita Eagles' defender who is serving his national service, has been stationed at Moorebank and will start training with the Eagles this week. Bobby Hunter and Dave Goldie, who arrived back from Scotland recently, both played in Melita's second grade last Sunday.

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St. George and former NSW State coach FRANK AROK's trip to the World Cup in Mexico is in doubt: the Mexicans have refused to grant him a visa because he travels with a Yugoslav passport. Now he is trying to get the intervention of the Mexican Organising Committee.

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Polonia's 18-year-old third grade goalkeeper, IAN JENNINGS, collapsed and died suddenly last Friday week. Only the previous day he had purchased his first car. Young Ian, like the rest of Polonia's third grade side, was a product of Revesby Workers Club. Our deepest sympathy to his bereaved parents.

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TV compere REX MOSSOP last Sunday said the NSW Federation should offer the players a bonus of $150 or $200 each for the return match against Manchester City. "Even garbos earn more than the paltry $40 our players were promised," Mossop added.

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Former St. George player, TIBOR MAGYAR, recently visited Budapest where a newspaper later published a long interview with him. Magyar spoke in flattering terms about the short time he had spent in Sydney.

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Melita Eagles have circulated the following NOTICE — in English and Maltese — to their supporters: "As a result of the incident at Mona Park on April 26, the NSW Federation Executive Committee are holding Melita Eagles responsible for this incident. It should again be emphasised that the home team is responsible for the behaviour of the spectators. Our Committee was further advised that should further disturbances of this nature occur again, our team will be eliminated from the competition. As instructed by the Police Department through the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, we hereby warn you that anyone taking part in such demonstrations or creating disturbances of this nature, will be reported to the police for them to take the necessary action. We therefore ask for your co-operation."

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St. George beat South Coast 2-0 in a deferred THIRD GRADE MATCH last weekend. Saints have moved one notch up the ladder and are fifth, not sixth as shown on our table on page 8.

TIPPING CONTEST

Leading tipster is two points ahead

Mr. V. Horacek, of West Ryde, is still two points ahead in the SOCCER WORLD-FLOTTA LAURO Tipping Contest, four parts of which out of 11 have been completed.

Part 4 of the Contest, the first prize of which is a Flotta Lauro cruise to New Zealand, proved a stumbling block for all but a few contestants.

Eight correct forecasts were sent in by only three people: S. Martin (Dover Heights), H. Jungner (Coogee) and J. Mendivil (Port Kembla).

Those with seven right on the coupon were:

J. Black (Mt. Druitt), T. Billinge (Ashfield), G. Bortolin (Belfield), L. Balcer (Botany), A. De Gennaro (Leichhardt), D. Dimitroff (Pymble), J. D'Abreu (Marrickville), V. Horacek (West Ryde), V. Horvath (Sefton), A. Jover (Wooloowin, Qld), A. Lopez (Mosman), V. Munzone (Matraville), M. Prebeg (Newtown), B. Tomasov (Bankstown), S. Tizzone (Dulwich Hill), E. Tzoyramanis (Marrickville).

PROGRESS POINTS

32 points: V. Horacek (West Ryde).

30: S. Martin (Dover Heights), B. Tomasov (Bankstown).

29: J. Black (Mt. Druitt), L. Balcer (Botany), Johanna Petrov (Ryde), I. Ronay (Alexandria).

28: R. Belz (Bellevue Hill), H. Jungner (Coogee).

27: A. Czubala (Wollongong), A. De Gennaro (Leichhardt), S. Galofaro (Five Dock), V. Munzone (Matraville), H. McMeechan (Coogee), M. Sparsis (Dulwich Hill), D. Tice (Harbord).

26: F. Bendeich (Earlwood), W. Borner (Padstow), J. Churchill (Strathfield), O. Chrupalo (Yagoona), D. Dimitroff (Pymble), R. Huber (Ashfield), J. Hyland (Hillsdale), T. Jaaniste (Wiley Park), E. Kovacs (Cronulla), Z. Marics (Five Dock), R. Macsok (Toongabbie), B. Milanovic (Carrum, Vic.), J. Mezirka (Waterloo), J. Rishorn (Blacktown), D. Parkes (Thornleigh), M. Smith (Ermington), J. Sirmai (Cremorne), J. Saric (Annandale), C. Spiteri (Drummoyne).

25: S. Boros (Vaucluse), G. Bortolin (Belfield), E. Davison (Arncliffe), J. Flood (Manly), J. Golbis (Wollstonecraft), C. Gatt (Brighton-le-Sands), A. Jover (Wooloowin, Qld.), M. Mirkovic (Five Dock), H. Meerdink (Coogee), M. Prebeg (Newtown), C. Pocsai (Punchbowl), A. Pinkowski (Ashfield), W. Stoevelaar (Narrabeen North).

24: D. Allan (Epping), T. Ackerman (Waverley), A. Boyd (Strathfield), T. Billinge (Ashfield), L. Bordacs (North Sydney), E. Chircop (Toongabbie), V. Galati (Haberfield), Z. Gyenes (Lindfield), J. Havas (Randwick), A. Koovousis (Burwood), M. Mancone (Crows Nest), T. Naccarella (Marrickville), M. Rossleigh (Rose Bay), W. Rendall (Croydon Park), Z. Szyda (Beresfield), R. Sleeman (Woollahra), L. Sultana (Blacktown), A. Tassone (Annandale), S. Tizzone (Dulwich Hill), E. Tzoyramanis (Marrickville), G. Volpicella (Five Dock), M. Willow (Darling Point), G. Miezis (Cabramatta).

23: C. Boyd (Wollongong), S. Caruana (South Granville), B. Dennis (Rooty Hill), A. Korlevic (Dee Why), A. Lopez (Mosman), D. Moraitis (Cringila), P. Ormai (Vaucluse), Edith Oblath (Berala), T. Pongrass (Vaucluse), R. Pfefferkorn (Corrimal), C. Pappas (Riverwood), M. Paunovic (Orange), L. Ricci (Randwick), A. Thompson (St. Marys), A. Vassallo (Marrickville), B. de Brett (Hunters Hill).

22: M. Antonich (Lakemba), A. Auslander (Kings Cross), A. Bini (Hectorville, SA), G. Cencich (Punchbowl), P. Corbett (Manly), J. Colston (Mt. Isa, Qld), J. Catania (Queanbeyan), G. D'Angelo (Maroubra), E. Gross (Drummoyne), F. Havlan (Blacktown), M. Iacozzi (Croydon Park), D. Leto (Pt. Moresby, TPNG), A. Martinis (Fairfield), A. Moore (East Ryde), J. Maar (Blackheath), J. Molski (Sefton), L. Maday (Kemps Creek), K. O'Connor (Bass Hill), A. Pastor (Yagoona), Pamela Rae (Narwee), L. Rootsey (Bankstown), L. Scott (Ashfield), T. Svigelj (Smithfield), A. Wellner (Bondi).

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Last week's Cup results: Division I — Concord-Toongabbie 6-1, Belfield-Glebe 4-0, Spanish-Vaucluse 6-2, Viking-Pyrmont 4-2. Division II — Concord-Toongabbie 5-0, Broughton-Vaucluse 8-0, Pyrmont-Viking 5-4.

This week's draw: Saturday — Viking v. Spanish (Cintra Park). Sunday — Pyrmont v. Concord (Eastern Park), Broughton v. Toongabbie (Mahony Reserve), Glebe-Belfield (Outer Wentworth Park), Spanish — bye.

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Group III.: England, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Rumania

GOOD START CAN SWEEP ENGLAND TO FINAL WIN

— By PAUL DEAN —

Guadalajara, where matches of Group III will be staged, could possibly be what Manchester and Liverpool were in 1966: the scene of the best matches of the series.

This is the only group which has no "filling" in the shape of a Morocco or Israel; and this is the group where Brazil and England will clash — and neither can feel absolutely safe from an early shock elimination.

I make no secret of the fact that I tip England to win the Cup; I tipped them to meet and beat Germany in the final in 1966 and that forecast turned out to be prophetic.

But should England fail, I still feel the ultimate winners will come from this group — Brazil.

What are the chances of the teams?

Uncertain Brazil

Brilliant, enervating, unpredictable, lethargic, individualistic, spectacular — all these epithets have been used in connection with Brazil — and all are, more or less, true.

Brazil will start favorites in Mexico — yet I wonder on what this high rating is based.

For years now Brazil's international results have been poor, or no better than average; the only exception was their string of easy wins in last year's elimination series against second rate opponents.

Poor administration, frequent managerial and coaching changes and Latin American soccer's greatest curse — the club v. country mentality — were the chief retarding factors.

When journalist Joao Saldanha took over last year, it all appeared to change for the better.

Cracking a whip Saldanha promised to bring Brazil to the top again — with or without the great stars.

Eventually he found himself in deep conflict with a few players, including Pele — and Saldanha became yet another promising manager sacked.

Now the team is in the care of former great left half Zagalo — but despite several shake-ups there are no sure signs that greatness is returning to Brazil.

Nobody argues that the Brazilians can play soccer; few others match their virtuosity.

But they still have not learned even the rudiments of modern defensive play, preferring a loose zonal defensive perimeter to close marking.

This luxury can be costly against fast raiders who need only half a second to crack home a shot — and there will be quite a few like that in Mexico.

Pele's gradual decline from the throne of the world's best player to the status of just another outstanding player has also affected their chances.

Rich and without his early incentives, Pele no longer lunges into dangerous half-chances in front of the goal; the numerous kicks he has received have taught him a lesson.

It can be dangerous, however, to underestimate Brazil which has so many outstanding players; they surprised the world with an unknown, yet later recognised as brilliant, team in 1958 to win the World Cup in Stockholm.

However, I seriously doubt if they can do this again. Since 1958 and their second triumph, in 1962, soccer has changed a great deal; neither the once revolutionary 4-2-4 nor its many new adaptations hold any terror for the many well disciplined European teams.

Strong England

"We have a much stronger team than in 1966 when we won the Cup," so said Sir Alf Ramsey, the England manager recently — and most people agree.

However, this time Ramsey is more cautious; never once did he say that England would win the World Cup; he simply announced that it "would take a very great team to beat us".

Will there be such very great teams in Mexico? Time will tell.

The fact is that the England party does have immense depth and strength in both defence and attack.

Under Ramsey, England has developed a "club" spirit, which few other national teams have.

And they will need it, too. For England's greatest handicaps will all come from outside factors.

The first is likely to be a hostile crowd, spurred on by what they still remember on the pampas as the English "injustice" towards the Latin American teams in the 1966 series.

To what extent this anti-England feeling will be evident nobody can say but it is highly unlikely that England will get any measurable degree of support from the crowds.

The other, possibly even more serious handicap will be the climate.

Used to the cool air of England and the soft, if not muddy pitches of wet Albion, the England players will be asked to perform at 12 noon and 4 p.m. of the Mexican heat, on bone-dry grounds — at an altitude of almost 8,000 feet.

But I think Ramsey — and England — can cope with this problem.

They have the best squad of all the 16 teams in Mexico and this could be the deciding factor.

England should qualify from this group without too much bother — probably undefeated.

If they do, they will have proved that even under the odd conditions of Mexico, they can call on their wealth of class and professionalism to produce results.

In that case I am prepared to stick my neck out and forecast that England will go on to win the World Cup, for the second time running, silencing all those critics who have been saying for four years that only the familiarity with Wembley enabled Ramsey's boys to triumph on that unforgettable afternoon on July 30, 1966.

Czech dreams

Most of the circumstances of the two journeys bear great similarity: in 1962, just like now, the Czechoslovaks reached the final stages of the World Cup as outsiders.

Then, as now, the finals were held in Latin America; in 1962, as in 1970, the Czechoslovaks were drawn into the same group as Brazil.

Will similarities continue? In 1962 the final was fought out by Brazil and Czechoslovakia . . .

Conditions in Mexico will favor the Czech style; their slow build-up may pay dividends at an altitude where senseless running around can only dissipate vital energies.

The tall former Sparta star, now playing professionally in Belgium, Kvasnak is just the man to control his team's tempo.

Around him coach Marko has built a strong team with some outstanding individuals.

In goal he can use either Viktor or Vencel, both very reliable and safe.

In pivot stopper Horvath they have a class player, every bit as effective as any other in Europe. Horvath's defensive partners could come from Dobias, Hagara, Migas, Pivarnik and Hrivnak — all, with the exception of Migas, players from Slovakian clubs.

Kvasnak and the very strong, mobile Kuna will be entrusted with the midfield role — and while there will be some better gifted pairs in the Mexico field, not many will have the experience of this Slovak duo.

Another player who may figure in Marko's plans is Szikora, seen in Australia only recently with Inter Bratislava, who could be used whenever the Czechoslovaks play in the tighter 4-3-3 formation.

The forwards are much more suspect. Individually the talent is clearly there — but collectively they have failed far too often to be rated highly.

Adamec is almost certain to play — his left-foot shooting is the best in Europe since the heyday of Puskas.

Jokl and Jurkanin are both clever, elegant and very fast schemers — both lacking, however, the physical strength of Adamec.

Frantisek Vesely, the hero of the Marseille play-off, is a tricky, elusive winger while his namesake, Bohumil Vesely is more orthodox; either can get the nod from Marko.

Petras, another Slovakian player who failed to impress in Sydney and Capkovic, a fast, strong young left winger from Slovan are likely to be considered for the first match.

If for no other reason than because of the many "acquaintances" Australian fans have with these players — Vencel, Horvath, Kvasnak, Migas, B. and F. Vesely, Petras, Szikora, Jurkanin and Jokl have all toured here — we hope they do well in Mexico.

But it's hard to see them repeating their 1962 triumph when only Schroif's atrocious goalkeeping prevented them from winning the final.

Reformed Rumania

For years the most ardent wish of Rumanian manager Angelo Niculescu has been to test his country's strength against the very best in stiff competition.

This wish will now be granted. For Rumania, taking part in the final stages of the World Cup after a 30-year absence, have been drawn into a mercilessly tough group.

Niculescu has no inhibitions about his task. Rumania's recent very good record gives him the necessary encouragement.

The first thing Niculescu did after taking over the team was a complete reorganisation of the defence.

This was rather understandable: in 1967 the Rumanians suffered a shattering 1-7 defeat by the hands of the Swiss.

The plan worked and ever since then the Rumanians have been playing a modern version of soccer.

Their team in Mexico is certain to be built on the shoulders of three excellent players.

Perhaps the greatest star is Florea Dumitrache from the Dinamo Bucharest club, Rumania's deadliest goalscorer — and a brilliant prospect at the age of 21.

Eager and daring, as was Pele at the same age, Dumitrache is willing to take a 50-50 chance even if there is a risk of grave injury.

He will get ample support from Radu Nunweiler, the sixth of a set of famous footballing brothers, who happens to be his club mate.

His strong running, polished skills and capacity for hard work in grafting make him an ideal modern player.

The third of this well known trio is Nicolae Dobrin from Argesul Pitesti, who was recalled to national team duty recently after an absence of two years because of his spats with the soccer authorities.

Several others may also catch the eye in Mexico. Among the defenders Satmareanu and Coe, among the midfielders Dinu and Dembrovsky, in the ranks of forwards Domide and Tufan, who scored so prolifically this year on the much ignored Australian tour of a Rumanian select, could distinguish themselves.

Whether this will be enough in Mexico is doubtful. But it is also doubtful whether the Rumanians really hope to excel; one has the feeling that getting there at all may have satisfied their appetite.

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This is of what Manchester City reminded us in Sydney last week — and the end result was a wholly unexciting team, not one iota better than the much criticised Cardiff City, so often used as the yardstick through which we measure unsuccessful tours.

It would have been surprising had it been otherwise.

Without Bell, Lee, Summerbee and Doyle, Manchester City appeared to be a colorless, drab side, fully deserving the severe panning they have received from the daily press.

One must wonder just when our administrators will ever realise that most of these English teams are very unattractive propositions — without their stars.

Soccer throughout the world is sold on personalities and glamor; you remove these and what's left is rather ordinary.

In a World Cup year the ASF should never invite a club team from a country which is involved in the finals, it was on the cards months ago that at least two, possibly more Manchester City players won't be able to make the Australian tour.

MAKESHIFT

We all know that Manchester City is a great side.

Those who last Sunday — 24 hours after the NSW encounter — saw a replay of the 1969 FA Cup final, will agree that THAT Manchester City would have been a smash hit in Sydney.

But of that side, six took no part in last Saturday's game: Dowd, Doyle, Bell, Lee, Summerbee and the since transferred Coleman.

And as City must have come to Australia without enough forwards, Booth, who is normally a stopper or freeback, had to be used against NSW as a makeshift ring winger!

So perhaps it becomes understandable that Manchester City played like a team of spare-parts on a busman's holiday.

If that is how they would perform back in England, they would face relegation.

But of course, any resemblance between the true Manchester City and this ersatz version is purely accidental.

LACKLUSTRE

They must be a really fine side at full strength, when the chips are down — but Aussie fans will never know this unless they travel to England to see them in action.

Against this bunch of ordinary, lacklustre, visitors NSW could have got a draw without too much trouble.

The first half was absolutely even, and it wasn't until the 42nd minute that Manchester City ever looked dangerous.

It was then that Young, after a very good interpassing move, found himself alone some 12 yards from the NSW goal, but smashed the ball into the sidenet.

However, twice before that NSW had a good chance to go into the lead.

In the 28th minute Keddie and Blitz got in each other's way in the City goalmouth, fumbling a fine opportunity to wake up the visitors from their doze.

A minute later the hapless Keddie compounded his sins; he cleverly stole a casual backpass and then, perfectly alone and unmolested, missed the target from 10 yards out.

ERRORS

NSW simply had to pay for these errors. Right on halftime Young dashed off on the left wing, his cross was flicked on by Towers and Bowyer, standing unmarked only a few yards from the far post, fired home an easy shot.

In the first 25 minutes or so of the second half, Manchester City gave a glimpse of their otherwise well concealed ability.

They began to move sweetly, displaying a superior basic skill and teamwork, yet failed to break through the solid NSW defence, so brilliantly held together by Marnoch.

Then, in the 78th minute, disaster. After a throw-in a backheader was softly punched out by Rorke, straight to replacement forward Owen, and he amazingly found the tiny gap between a maze of legs from 14 yards.

Eight minutes from the end NSW struck back — and the goal was a replica of City's second.

Ackerley's long throw was headed back by Campbell and Denton, waiting for the floating ball to descend, even had time to sell a dummy to the goalie before heading the ball into the far corner.

FITTER

Right on fulltime it almost became 2-2. Denton, showing more mobility and dash than several of our other forwards together, picked up a loose clearance and facing only Corrigan, slipped the ball past him — inches wide of the goal.

And a draw would have been richly deserved. NSW were at no stage outclassed, even if it was obvious — as it always is — that our opponents were a fitter, faster and better trained lot.

The wholesale changes in the NSW forward-line in the 57th minute proved what we already know: the NSW team has a very good defence, adequate midfield — but no forward line, mainly because our players never have the chance to work out creative moves beforehand — something that is never too obvious in a defence.

NSW: Rorke, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley, Warren, Yaager, Abonyi (Denton), Keddie (Campbell), Baartz, Blitz (Alston).

All replacements in the 57th minute.

Manchester City: Corrigan, Book, Booth, Heslop, Pardoe, Jeffries, Oakes, Carrodus (Owen 71 min.), Bowyer, Young, Towers.

Goals: Bowyer 45 min., Owen 78 min., Denton 82 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 18,000.

—PAUL DEAN

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

FLOTTA LAURO

RESULTS & SCORERS

P. Hellenic
3 (2)
Thomas 15 min., Smith 27 and 83 mins.

Marconi
0 (0)

Prague
1 (1)
Butler 18 min.

South Sydney
5 (2)
Watson 6 min., Taylor 21 min., Doyle 65, 69 and 87 mins.

A.P.I.A
1 (0)
Ridley 69 min.

Auburn
3 (1)
Edwards 29 min., Lambert 57 min., Schneider 68 min.

Melita E.
2 (1)
MacDougall 26 min., Maloney 62 min.

Hakoah
5 (3)
Rutherford 16 min., Keddie 37 min., Baartz 45 min. (penalty) and 63 min., Blitz 52 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Clarke 5, Stanley 4, *Hanson* 5, McCulloch 4, Skafidas 3, Hignett 3, Povey 4, Barboutis 4, Harding 4, *Smith* 5, Thomas 3 (replaced by Vrolyks 86 min.).

TOTAL: 44. Coach: G. Yangou.

Match rating: * * * *

Murray 2, Roche 4, Telfer 3, Connolly 3, Taylor 3, Moschen 3, Dajanevits 3 (replaced Griffiths 42 min., 2), Richards 3, Malone 3, Scheinflug 3, Giacometti 3.

TOTAL: 33. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

King 2, Harcombe 3, Blacker 3, Rootsey 3, Zeman 3, Spinks 3, Armytage 3, Butler 3, Rooney 3, Tansley 3, Reilly 3 (replaced by Tooma 60 min.).

TOTAL: 32. Coach: W. Tamandl.

Match rating: * * *

Corry 5, Lincoln 4, Mellish 3, McDonald 3, Shepherd 3, Wright 3, R. Cush 3, *Reynolds* 5, (replaced Watson, 3, at halftime), Doyle 4, F. Cush 3, Taylor 4.

TOTAL: 40. Coach: L. Hegyes.

Rorke 3, Keith 3, Ackerley 3, McGillivray 3 (replaced by Forster 56 min.), Bottalico 4, Russell 2, Blues 4, Ridley 3, Campbell 3, McKinnon 3, Montgomery 2.

TOTAL: 33. Coach: F. Dunaj.

Match rating: * * *

Taylor 5, Selfridge 4, Brady 4, Stewart 4, Moffatt 4, Strachan 4, Edwards 4, McDonald 4, *Hoggart* 5, Schneider 4, Lambert 3.

TOTAL: 44. Coach: D. Holden.

Eaton 4, Knaus 4, Hewlett 3, De Bruin 4, Edwards 3, Duffy 3, Thorne 3, Hoare 4, Maloney 3, McAusland 2 (replaced by Martin 65 min.), MacDougall 4.

TOTAL: 37. Coach: K. Jaros.

Match rating: * * *

Haffey 4, Davey 3, Yaager 4, Hennessy 4, Marnoch 3, Walsh 4, *Blitz* 5, Fekete 3, Keddie 4, Baartz 4, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 42 Coach: M. Jones.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Displaying their best form of the season, Pan Hellenic delighted their dwindling support with a stirring display which must bring their fans back if repeated in coming weeks. Marconi started off promisingly, but it soon became evident that the Pan Hellenic defence would stand firm. After Thomas' 15th minute goal Pan Hellenic grabbed the initiative and when Smith scored a gem of a goal 12 minutes later it was curtains for Marconi. In the second half the visitors saw plenty of the ball, but great goalkeeping by Clarke and atrocious finishing by their forwards prevented them from scoring. A breakaway goal late in the match sealed Pan Hellenic's impressive victory and indicated that better days were perhaps ahead for them.

Crowd: 3,873. Referee: F. Sbisa.

— LOU GAUTIER

Played at a fast pace, the game produced an evenly contested first half during which, if anything, Prague had more scoring chances. Brilliant goalkeeping by Ron Corry, however, denied Prague more than one goal, while Watson and Taylor cleverly put Souths ahead. In the second half Reynolds' appearance transformed South Sydney, who proceeded to overrun their opponents. Tragic blunders by the Prague goalie, King, played a big part in Doyle's hat-trick and thoroughly demoralised his team-mates in the last 20 minutes. Had the two teams switched goalkeepers it is doubful whether Prague would have conceded a defeat of such catastrophic proportions.

Crowd: 406. Referee: N. Jones.

— FRANK JORDAN

Injury-ridden APIA struck Auburn on a day when they were right on their game. Auburn's combination came in bursts in the first half, but in the second they were so far ahead that APIA had no real answer. All their defenders went well, but none better than goalie Taylor, who was confident enough to play for a World XI on the day! Hoggart was the master midfield. APIA's only goal came from a lapse between Moffatt and Schneider, quickly turned into a goal by Campbell and Ridley. Campbell was regularly just off-target. What a difference for APIA had some of his shots come off.

Crowd: 2,411. Referee: N. Campbell.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Although the score is convincing enough, Hakoah were only allowed to display their wares in flashes late in the game. Unsettled against the hard-tackling Melita, twice in the first half Dennis Yaager saved Hakoah from disaster when he cleared off the line with Haffey well out of position. However, Hakoah's superiority in attack told as the game progressed as they pounded on every chance to score. Blitz was the most effective forward and his runs on the right flank, coupled with some beautiful crosses down the centre, forced the Melita defence into simple mistakes which the other forwards took good advantage of. Walsh and Hennessy also performed well for Hakoah, while for Melita youngsters Hoare, MacDougall and Knaus maintained their recent good form with intelligent football.

Crowd: 2,146. Referee: H. Parsons.

—CHARLES SPITERI

COACHES COMMENT

George Yangou: "Our best display of the season, but not our last. From now on watch for Pan Hellenic! We'll start climbing up the ladder."

Les Scheinflug: "Pan Hellenic took their chances, we didn't. It's as simple as that. Actually, I thought we played the better football, but it's the goals that count."

Walter Tamandl: "We had our chances in the first half, but our forwards fluffed them. In the second half goalie King had an exceptionally poor game as the result shows."

Laurie Hegyes: "I'm very happy with our biggest win for some time. The team played better than I expected. We are on the way up now."

Ferdo Dunaj: "Had we taken our chances early it could have been different. Due to injuries we had to use young John Russell, and he did his best."

Doug Holden: "A very pleasing win, plenty of good moves and drive. We must learn not to relax, it gave APIA their only goal."

Karl Jaros: "We gave away three silly goals that could have made all the difference. Hakoah, however, are a very good side.'

Mick Jones: "The boys played extremely well, and even when Melita equalised they fought back well to come on top. We would, probably, have played better if so many players hadn't played against Manchester City 24 hours earlier."

Poor Saturday performances

NSW's Allan Marnoch and Dennis Yaager and Manchester City fullback, Glyn Pardoe, were the pick of the 26 players seen at the Sydney Sportsground last Saturday.

Manchester City, who fielded almost the same defence as in Vienna last month when they won the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, bitterly disappointed in attack and deserved the slow hand-clapping of the crowd.

NSW have played much better, but on the whole did as well as they could within their own limitations.

This is how we saw the players perform:

BILL RORKE, making a comeback to representative football, was shaky at times on high balls and was partially at faut on City's second goal. His splendid save almost on full time, however, made up for it.

GEORGE KEITH's inaccurate passes again let him down in a big match. His defensive work was good, but oh, those passes whenever he attempted to turn defence into attack!

STAN ACKERLEY, always on top of his timid winger, Towers, had many opportunities to join in the attack with long forays down the wing, which he did. Caught out of position, he was, however, partially to blame for the first goal.

MANFRED SCHAEFER was almost his own self again in a purely defensive role and clearly came out on top of his many heading duels with City's attackers, but like Keith his passing left a lot to be desired.

ALLAN MARNOCH, the big-match man par excellence, was, I thought, our best performer. He certainly looked every inch as polished and efficient a performer as any of his professional counterparts and was seldom beaten in any direct duel for possession.

DENNIS YAAGER may have clinched a permanent State berth after a highly satisfactory match. His tackling and distribution stamped him as NSW's most constructive midfielder.

ATTILA ABONYI was up against the visitors' best defender, Pardoe, and was hard pressed to dribble past him. On the rare occasions he got the better of Pardoe, he opened up a few promising attacks down the wing, but generally he was held well in check.

JOHN WARREN never "exploded" as against Dynamo. His was an unglamorous midfield role which he filled reasonably well, but his dynamism would have been better served in a deliberate attacking role.

DAVID KEDDIE twice "bombed" incredible chances, one of which was an absolute "sitter" which would have given NSW a deserved 1-0 lead.

RAY BAARTZ, Sydney's most explosive striker, was largely wasted in a grafting midfield role. Instead of chasing opponents all afternoon in the midfield he should have been instructed to stay up front where he was needed most.

ROY BLEIZ was a horrid disappointment and nothing like the clever, enterprising winger who delights at club matches. His repeated failures at international level remain a mystery.

Of the three substitutes, **DENTON, CAMPBELL** and **ALSTON,** who came in in the 59th minute, the latter played little part in proceedings and was hardly sighted. Campbell and Denton, however, were much more prominent. The APIA forward was clever and aggressive and the St. George goalgetter scored a lovely goal and could have forced a draw in the last seconds when his low shot missed by inches.

Fullback GLYN PARDOE was the pick of a lacklustre Manchester City team. Playing the modern overlapping fullback game brilliantly, he alone showed the class one expected from all the City players.

With the exception of skipper TONY BOOK, the impressively built ALAN OAKES, and perhaps giant goalie JOE CORRIGAN, who was never really tested, the rest of the City players looked very ordinary indeed. So ordinary, in fact, that most would go unnoticed in any Sydney team if what they showed last Saturday is the best they can do.

— LOU GAUTIER

HELP LEGACY all the year round

WEDNESDAY'S VITAL MATCH

The game tonight (Wednesday, May 20) between St. George and APIA is vital for both teams.

Saints must win to keep in contact with competition leaders Hakoah, while APIA must at all costs arrest their alarming downhill slide.

Although on paper the depleted APIA should not trouble Saints, reality could be quite different as APIA always rise to the occasion when they meet St. George.

Saints are entitled to start slight favorites, but APIA's past performances against them command the greatest respect and they could win without causing too much of an upset.

● See teams page 5.

— L.G.

APIA to test Hakoah in Sunday's thriller

— By PAUL DEAN —

Once again one of those rarities of our soccer life — a full championship round.

The match of the week could be the clash between APIA and Hakoah where, despite the paperform, almost any result may crop up.

In the Auburn v. Pan Hellenic match two teams on the improve will meet for the points.

The round's pairings:

Ryde v. St. George

Neither team played last week and we will soon know which has benefited more from the rest.

Ryde — after their successes could be endearingly renamed as the Marsfield Raiders — have a more than capable side where some experienced players like Rafaneli, Rudic, Takac and Brajkovic, are surrounded by a lot of eager-beaver youngsters.

St. George have lost few admirers after their narrow loss to Hakoah; they are at the moment the only team that may give a decent chase to the championship leaders.

However, to do this successfully they will have to tighten their defence which, at the most unexpected moments, tends to make some fatal errors.

The main strength of the Saints lies in its talented forward line which never fails to get plenty of support from midfield.

If these two departments perform as well as they can, the Saints should add two more points to their tally.

Our tip: St. George.

South Sydney v. Canterbury

Showing a clear upward trend, South Sydney appear to have finally found the path to the goal.

Ex-Novocastrian striker John Doyle is proving to be a big asset to them up front while the rearguard, always reliable, has tightened further.

Souths have the ability to stay in the top four but for that they will have to consolidate their form which still tends to show remarkable lapses.

Canterbury's defence has improved lately, now that they have both Xipolitas brothers in their ranks.

However, the forwards will have to prove that their Woonona glory of two weeks ago was no flash in the pan.

Our tip: South Sydney.

Marconi v. Prague

The massive hangover from last weekend's defeats may have evaporated by now — but both teams will have to find the answer to their sudden collapses.

Marconi, who can be so very promising one day, are just as apt to turn on a wretched display the next.

Scheinflug, Richards and Connolly can be very effective playmakers, but the forwards are still unreliable and occasionally they also have goalkeeping problems.

Prague have a really talented side, though far from a great one, but somehow lack two solid midfielders who link up the rear and vanguard of the team.

A team with such forwards as Manuel, Armytage, Rooney and Butler shouldn't be struggling so badly.

Our tip: Marconi.

South Coast v. Melita Eagles

Nobody knows when it will start yet everybody takes it for granted: South Coast will soon begin to rise from their ashes.

The departure of two forwards cannot possibly explain the almost incredible collapse of last year's champions and the troubles may lie elsewhere.

Melita's once solid defence, their proudest possession since coming into the First Division, lies in ruins.

Mind you, it's not easy to resist the Hakoah forwards.

Goalscoring is still not the forte of the Eagles who have netted the least goals so far in the championship.

Our tip: South Coast.

APIA v. Hakoah

The time may have come when APIA officials stop regarding their team's string of strange defeats as temporary lapses and start a major shake-up.

For once, APIA's reinforcements have failed to turn out very successfully; with due respect to them, none of them can make the team's loyal "tifosi" forget Campana, Blue, Hughes and Giacometti.

ROUND 8

And unless they pull themselves together for this grand occasion, they face a hiding from the team they had beaten in this year's Ampol Cup final.

Hakoah continue on their merry way registering one win per week with the greatest nonchalance.

Their striking power is really frightening, especially now that Ray Baartz has matured into a deadly goalgetter.

In their present sorry state, APIA should be proud of even a draw.

Our tip: Hakoah.

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic

It's time people started taking Auburn seriously: they are definitely sneaking towards a semifinal place.

There is no doubt that good coaching and intelligent management have transformed this recently struggling outfit into a remarkably successful unit with tremendous fighting ability.

Pan Hellenic, still brilliantly led by Brian Smith, Sydney's most overlooked forward, are not half as bad as their position indicates and may soon start going places.

This clash between two form teams could well rival the Lambert Park attraction for crowd appeal.

Our tip: Pan Hellenic.

VITAL STATISTICS

Ryde v. St. George 4-1-11

Last year the Saints won both games, hands down, scoring a total of 16 goals in the process. Ryde have won only twice at home over the years.

APIA v. Hakoah 13-5-8

Hakoah have won only one of their last 10 matches — the corresponding fixture last year at Lambert Park. Six of these games brought an APIA victory.

Auburn v. Pan Hellenic 2-0-6

Both of Auburn's wins were registered at home — in 1962 and 1969. All other games were won by Pan Hellenic.

South Sydney v. Canterbury 3-5-2

Souths have lost only once at home, in 1964; three of their last four matches have ended in a draw.

South Coast v. Melita 4-1-1

The provincials have won all their three home matches so far; Melita's only win was in their first season, in 1967.

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Second Division: NS-Inter v. Granville — J. Henkelman; Manly v. Artarmon — A.R. Brown; Sutherland v. Concordia — E. Truppe; Bankstown v. Balgownie — L. Rae; Corinthians v. Hornsby-NE — M. Buchanan; Polonia v. Western Suburbs — A. Faraone.

LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah)	13
Keddie (Hakoah)	10
Denton (St. George)	6
Doyle (South Sydney)	6
Quested (Auburn)	6
Blitz (Hakoah)	5
Rutherford (Hakoah)	5
Schneider (Auburn)	5

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Auburn goalkeeper, BRIAN TAYLOR, brilliant against his former team, APIA, last Sunday, is our Player of the Week.

His prize is a dinner for two offered by the SHORE MOTEL in their fabulous LE MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT, 450 Pacific Highway, Artarmon.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

TAYLOR (Auburn)

LINCOLN (South Sydney) — HANSON (Pan Hellenic)

MOFFATT (Auburn)

McCULLOCH (Pan Hellenic) — STRACHAN (Auburn)

REYNOLDS (South Sydney) — SMITH (Pan Hellenic)

BLITZ (Hakoah) — HOGGART (Auburn) — RUTHERFORD (Hakoah)

TIPSTERS' CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES	P. Dean	L. Gautier	K. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	F. Jordan	Most favored
St. George v. APIA	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ryde v. St. George	2	2	1	2	2	2
South Sydney v. Canterbury	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marconi v. Prague	1	1	1	1	1	1
SCU v. Melita Eagles	1	1	1	2	1	1
APIA v. Hakoah	2	2	2	2	2	2
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic	2	2	1	1	2	2
Manly v. Artarmon	1	1	1	1	1	1
NS-Inter v. Granville	1	1	x	1	1	1
Sutherland v. Concordia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wests v. Polonia	x	1	1	1	1	1
Bankstown v. Balgownie	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corinthians v. Hornsby-NE	1	1	2	2	1	1

How they tipped: L. Gautier 52; C. Spiteri 49; K. Gilmour 48; F. Jordan 44; P. Dean 38.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Auburn	Canterbury	South Sydney	Hakoah	Marconi	Melita Eagles	Pan Hellenic	Prague	St. George	South Coast	Ryde
APIA	●	1-3		3-0		2-1						1-2
Auburn		●	6-5	3-2			0-0				4-0	1-2
Canterbury	1-1		●		0-6					1-4		
South Sydney				●		1-1		2-1			4-2	
Hakoah		7-1			●			5-1	6-1	2-1		
Marconi		3-0			0-3	●						3-1
Melita Eagles	1-0		1-1		2-5		●	0-2				
Pan Hellenic						3-0		●		0-3		2-2
Prague			3-0	1-5			1-1		●		2-0	
St. George							3-0		3-1	●	5-2	
South Coast			1-2			3-1		2-3			●	
Ryde									2-1			●

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CANTERBURY
DEMOPOULOS, HARDY, RAEBURN, H. XIPOLITAS, J. XIPOLITAS, GALBRAITH, THOMPSON, WHITEHEAD, BAMFORTH, MASSI, WELTON

MARCONI
MURRAY, ROCHE, NUTTALL, CONNOLLY, TAYLOR, MOSCHEN, DANAJEVITS, RICHARDS, MALONE, SCHEINFLUG, JONES

PRAGUE
KING, HARCOMBE, BLACKER, ROOTSEY, ZEMAN, BLANCO, ARMYTAGE, G. MANUEL, BUTLER, ROONEY, LOWRY

SOUTH COAST
RAMAGE, HALL, CUTHBERT, GLEESON, WILSON, TOLSON, McAVOY, ARMSTRONG, PEACHEY, TRISTRAM, McGUNNIGLE

MELITA EAGLES
EATON, KNAUS, HEWLITT, DE BRUIN, A. EDWARDS, DUFFY, THORNE, HOARE, MARTIN, MALONEY, McDOUGALL

APIA
RORKE, KEITH, ACKERLEY, McGILLIVRAY, SAMBROOK, BOTTALICO, BLUES, RIDLEY, CAMPBELL, McKINNON, MACKINNON

HAKOAH
HAFFEY, DAVEY, D. YAAGER, WATKISS, MARNOCH, WALSH, BLITZ, FEKETE, KEDDIE, BAARTZ, W. RUTHERFORD

AUBURN
TAYLOR, SELFRIDGE, BRADY, STEWART, MOFFATT, STRACHAN, QUESTED, McDONALD, HOGGART, SCHNEIDER, LAMBERT

PAN HELLENIC
CLARKE, STANLEY, HANSON, McCULLOCH, SKAFIDAS, HIGNETT, POVEY, BARBOUTIS, HARDING, SMITH, THOMAS

ROUND THE WORLD

The South Korean FA last week released details of the international tournament to mark the inauguration of Seoul's new 75,000-capacity stadium. It will be an all-Asian tournament including the national teams of Israel, Japan, Burma, South Vietnam, Iran and South Korea.

Flowers bloom late

Ron Flowers played for Telford at Wembley against Macclesfield in the FA Challenge Trophy — amateur cup — final, won by Macclesfield. The interesting point is that Flowers also played in the FA Cup final there 10 years ago, for Wolverhampton, receiving a winner's medal.

Spain wins amateur crown

Spain won the European Amateur Cup last week. At Forte de Marni, in Italy, Spain defeated Holland 2-1 in the replay of the final. The first match had ended in a 1-1 draw. Italy was third, Yugoslavia fourth. Yugoslavia is the only non-western country which participates in the competition.

Sardinian tycoon

Luigi Riva, Cagliari's high-scoring hero for whom his club has turned down an offer of $1,700,000, may be the first player in the world to earn about $150,000 a year, from the start of the 1970/71 season. Riva is already reputed to earn, in wages, royalties and perks, about $10,000 monthly.

Dynamo winger for Mexico

Gennadi Yevrujichin, the sensational Dynamo Moscow winger who thrilled Australian crowds earlier this year, is a certainty for the left wing berth in the USSR's World Cup team. Yevrujichin scored three goals in the Russian team's last two full scale matches before they flew to Mexico last week.

Feyenoord's tumultuous home-coming

The plane carrying the victorious Feyenoord players back home after the European Cup final in Milan was unable to land at Rotterdam Airport. An estimated 35,000 fans had invaded the tarmac to welcome their conquering heroes. Airport authorities ordered the plane to land at Amsterdam instead. The following day some 250,000 people packed the streets of the great Dutch port for the greatest public demonstration in the city's history. On the balcony of the Town Hall the major of Rotterdam led the singing and cheering.

Hungarian results

Tatabanya v. Ujpest 0-1, Gyor v. MTK 0-2, Komlo v. Vasas 0-1, Videoton v. DVTK 0-1, SBTC v. Dunaujvaros 0-0, Csepel v. Pecs 0-0, Ferencvaros v. Szombathely 2-1, Honved v. Szeged 7-0. Competition leaders: Group "A": Ujpest 17, Vasas 15 points, Group "B": Ferencvaros 16, Honved 14 points.

● **Crowds in the last rounds of the Czechoslovakian championship slumped to an all-time low. Dukla v. Bohemians only attracted 860 spectators and Gottwaldov v. Presov and Lokomotiva v. Trencin barely topped the 2,000-mark. The Bratislava derby between Slovan and Inter, however, drew the season's biggest crowd — 40,000 spectators.**

● Jeunesse won the Luxemburg championship for the eighth time since World War II.

● **Aris Salonika, Taki Loukanidis' team, caused the major shock of the Greek Cup by defeating competition leaders, Panathinaikos, 2-1.**

● Italy's last major "warm-up" match before the World Cup finals resulted in a 2-1 win against Portugal in Lisbon. Eusebio didn't play for the home side.

● **Mexico's World Cup team could only manage an unconvincing 1-0 victory against West German club Borussia Dortmund at Mexico City last week. Forty-five thousand disappointed fans booed the Mexicans off the field.**

● FC Bruges won the Belgian Cup with a crushing 6-1 win over Daring Brussels, a Second Division club, in the final at Brussels.

● **Poland beat Eire 2-1 at Poznan a week after losing 2-0 to Hungary in Budapest, in front of only 10,000 spectators.**

● Bobby Charlton's injury (small bone broken in his right hand) won't keep him out of the World Cup. He sustained the injury during training when he collided with England team-mate Geoff Hurst. He was passed fit in Mexico City last week.

● Biggest crowd for a 1970 World Cup qualifying match was 183,341 at Rio's Maracana Stadium for the Brazil v. Paraguay tie and the smallest elimination round attendance was 500 spectators at Kansas City when the USA and Bermuda met.

● **Bohemians won the Irish Cup and will represent Eire in next year's European competition. The Welsh Cup has again been won by Cardiff City, a perenial participant in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.**

● Since the start of the Soviet Union's First Division championship total attendances of just on 300,000 have watched each round, for an average crowd of 33,000 per match. Kiev, after five rounds, has attracted the largest attendances.

● **Jena are the new East German champions. At the bottom of the table, Karlmarxstadt, once a big force in East German soccer, is battling to avoid relegation with just two rounds left. Eisenstadt, last on the table, will be relegated.**

● Celtic's international goalkeeper, Ronnie Simpson, has been elected to the Glasgow Municipal Council. Simpson, 40, was one of the heroes of Celtic's 1967 European Cup triumph and made Scottish history when he gained his first "cap" at the ripe old age of 37 the same year.

● The French FA has suspended its Second Division championship for two seasons. The First Division has been increased to 20 clubs. In place of the Second Division, three semi-professional geographical groups of 12 clubs each have been instituted.

● **The Peruvian World Cup squad took up their headquarters at Toluca on May 7.**

● Israel's squad is now at a high altitude camp at Colorado Heights, USA, after playing a match in New York against a local XI.

● **Brazil's first warm-up match in Mexico resulted in a 3-1 win over the Mexican First Division's Guadalajara, in front of 70,000 spectators.**

Sharp-shooters

Bayern Munchen's stocky striker, Gerd Muller has won the European, Adidas-sponsored "Golden Boots" award for top scorers. Muller scored 34 goals. Another German, Lothar Emmerich, now playing for Beershot in Belgium was second on 28 and Hungary's Ferenc Bene third on 27.

Stein carpeted

Celtic manager Jock Stein will have to appear before the Scottish FA Executive to explain his after-match comments on Scottish Cup final referee Bobby Davidson. Those who saw the match on ABC TV will remember that Davidson did appear to make some vital mistakes.

Stars are free

Two former all-time stars, John Haynes and Jim Baxter will get free transfers from their clubs, Fulham and Glasgow Rangers respectively. Haynes is about 37 but Baxter is much younger — and could be a sensation in an enterprising Sydney team if South African clubs hadn't snapped him up before most Australians were even aware the pair was available.

UEFA president re-elected

Gustav Wiederkehr was re-elected president of the UEFA, European soccer's ruling body. Wiederkehr will spearhead his organisation's firm opposition to FIFA's plans for an enlarged Continental Cup at next month's Congress at Mexico City. The UEFA wants to retain the present play-off between European and South American champions, whereas FIFA is keen to make it a contest between all six Confederation champions.

● **A huge electronic scoreboard has been fitted at the Azteca Stadium for use during the World Cup. Half of the board will flash detailed information from other matches.**

● Ricardo Zamora, Spain's great goalkeeper of the late 1920's and early thirties, has been invited to watch the World Cup by Mexico's leading sports daily "Este".

● Morocco only sent 19 players to Mexico, not 22 as all the other countries. Coach Vidinic actually admitted he only considered fielding 15 players in the three matches he realistically expects Morocco only to play at Leon.

● **Estudiantes de La Plata, the holders, beat River Plate 1-0 in the first leg of an all-Argentinian South American Champions' Cup semifinal.**

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WENTWORTHVILLE SNATCH WIN AFTER SEQUENCE OF 5 DRAWS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Wentworthville broke a sequence of five draws with a 3-1 win over Marrickville at Jones Park last Sunday.

They have now edged North Bankstown out of fourth position on goal average.

Both sides showed up well in the high wind.

Outside right Alan Young was first to score, after going close on two occasions.

He sprinted in from his wing and slammed home a cross from the left.

Then came a 40-yarder from Graham Harrivel, who returned to Wentworthville from Hakoah four weeks ago.

Harrivel got the next also, to bring up 3-0.

Marrickville kept plugging away as the score rose against them, and were rewarded with a consolation goal just before the end.

WITH THE AMATEURS

Moynihan's double

Ron Moynihan scored two goals to give Belmore the points against North Bankstown at George Green Oval.

Malcolm Duncan narrowly missed for North Bankstown just after the kick-off.

Alan Woodbine tried one header which was touched away by goalie Gordon Brien.

Woodbine next hit the crossbar, but neither team had scored by halftime.

Both sides fell away for a while then Moynihan put Belmore one ahead in the 65th minute.

Norths counter-attacked, and Bruno Tomasov had Belmore defending grimly, but Belmore notched the winner in the 86th minute.

Scots lead

Arncliffe Scots tightened its hold on top place in the Second Division, winning 1-0 against Arncliffe Scots.

The sole goal came after 20 minutes, when Dave Dorian met a cross with a neat downward header.

Arncliffe's midfield pair Bobby Podmore and Kevin Burt laid the foundation for the win.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Wenty v. Marrickville	3-1	5-1
Enmore v. Riverside	4-2	2-1
N. B'town v. Belmore	0-2	3-3

SECOND DIVISION

Warringah v. A'cffe Scots	0-1	0-0
Yagoona v. Kewpies	3-0	1-7
C'town v. Condell Pk.	3-0	6-0

THIRD DIVISION

Ravens v. Dee Why	6-2	1-2
Fairfield v. Rosebery	2-3	1-0
Chelsea v. Nepean	6-1	3-3
Auburn v. Greenacre	6-1	1-4

FOURTH DIVISION

Castle Hill v. Annandale	2-1	2-4
A'cffe RSL v. Ku-ring-gai	3-2	0-4
Revesby v. Thornleigh	8-0	1-3

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 23: Eastside v. Wenty — Outer Wentworth Park, Riverside v. West Sutherland — Mahony Oval, Guildford v. Enmore — Guildford Park, Blacktown v. Campbelltown — Francis Park, Gladesville v. Lidcombe — Pennant Hills Oval, Arncliffe Scots v. Newtown — Cahill Park, Nepean v. Bondi — Jamieson Park, Liverpool v. Chelsea — Jardine Park, Sydney Uni. v. Greenacre — St. Pauls Oval, Ku-ring-gai v. Magpie — Asquith Oval, Maroubra v. Arncliffe RSL — Coral Sea Park.

Sunday, May 24: Marrickville v. Lane Cove — Mackey Park, North Bankstown v. South Sydney — George Green Oval, Belmore v. Banks City — Rudd Park, Revesby Workers v. Warringah — Amour Park, Yagoona v. Uni. NSW — O'Neil Park, Kewpies v. Condell Park — Colquohoun Park, Dee Why v. Auburn — Dee Why Oval, Rosebery v. Gladesville Ravens — Turrurwull Park, West Ryde v. Fairfield — Meadowbank No. 3, Annandale v. Revesby Rovers — Campbell Park, Greenwich v. Castle Hill — Gore Creek, Queen's Park v. Thornleigh — Moore Park.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Troubles haven't come singly for Norm Davie, the 23-year-old inside-forward of Melbourne. The tall Scot broke his leg in a tackle with Johnny Sanchez of George Cross after he had re-established himself back in the first team and his wife is expecting their first child soon.

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Bill Walsh, the former coach of JUST, Melbourne and Hakoah and at present out of the game, will renew acquaintances with Manchester City on Sunday. For Bill, an Irishman, who had a number of international appearances for his country was with Manchester City as a player for about 17 years before taking over as manager of Grimsby Town. Prior to coming to Australia, he was for several years coaching in New Zealand. Walsh will be the guest of the Victorian Soccer Federation at the Manchester City match on Sunday.

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John Truskowski, the George Cross halfback was transferred to Metro side Elwood Austria for a considerable three-figure fee. Two other Cross players may also move to clubs in lower divisions — Billy McIvor, the former Hakoah and Alexander forward is likely to join St. Kilda, while goalie John Dockerty, who is married to Luther Kastner's wife's sister, is having his name linked with Ringwood United.

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Now that his national service is completed, full-back Jersey Blank, who often fills the role as an emergency goalkeeper, is back in the Polonia first team.

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Charles Kelly, a winghalf from St. Andrews United in Scotland, arrives for Melbourne this Sunday.

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Bobby Evans, the regular Lions goalkeeper for the past two seasons, is now in Tasmania.

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Although Slavia are losing fullback Allan Mc-Bain, winghalf Alan Reed and forward Jim Gildea (all returning to the UK), they have already got some replacements from overseas with more to follow in their bid to stay in the State League.

VICTORIA FIELDS STRONGEST TEAM

Barring injuries, I expect Victoria to field their normal side in the game against Manchester City on Sunday.

This means, if my assumption is correct, that the bulk of the Victorian side will be drawn from three teams — Juventus, JUST and Croatia and is likely to be:

Reilly (Juventus), Utjesenovic (JUST), Scott (Melbourne), Irvine (Juventus), Kinnell (Juventus), Micic (JUST), Goodwin (Juventus), McKay (Croatia), Zoraja (JUST), Buljevic (JUST), and Vojtek (Croatia).

On current form this is Victoria's strongest formation and quite frankly, the best available.

Despite the depletion of Manchester City through World Cup calls, injuries, etc. which will compel them to field almost half a side of non-regulars, and the fact they have finished an extensive and gruelling season in England and Europe the pressure is likely to be upon the locals for most of the game.

In midfield, Micic and McKay are likely to be the mainspring of the Victorian attacks, providing of course, they get some time and find the space to ply the ball to strikers Zoraja, Buljevic and Vojtek.

Victoria must go flat out and fight for the entire 90 minutes in the best tradition if they hope to pull off a surprise, shock or even turn in a commendable performance.

Good luck to them!

— JIM COOK

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Juventus 1 (Frost) d. Alexander 0, Wilhelmina 3 (Spiekermann, Edgely, Bunce) d. Hakoah 1 (Clarey), JUST 3 (Buljevic, Micic, Zoraja) d. Polonia 1 (Zurawski), Melbourne-HSC 3 (Keri, Scott, Pocock) d. Lions 1 (Butler), Slavia v. Croatia 0-0, George Cross 1 (Reid) v. SM-Hellas 1 (Kokkinos).

ADELAIDE SCORES

Polonia 2 (Kolecki, Larecki) v. Croatia 0, Victoria 1 (Wright) v. Lion 0, Budapest 2 (Bakurski 2) v. Azzurri 1 (Peterson), Juventus 6 (Serafini 2, Tamandl 2, Rusalen, Oliveira) v. Port Adelaide 1 (Alagich), Hellas 4 (Birch 2, De Lyster, Pillans) v. Cumberland 0.

CITY'S BRISBANE WIN

A big crowd of almost 20,000 spectators in Brisbane last Sunday saw a leg-weary, jaded Manchester City score a comfortable, but unimpressive 3-0 win over Queensland.

Queensland played some good football in the first half, but lacked punch up front and squandered many scoring chances.

The visitors, however, were quick to capitalise on theirs and were two-up at halftime through goals by Owen in the 22nd minute and Oakes in the 44th.

In the 60th minute Booth made it 3-0 and the match was all over as City were content to hold on to the ball until the final whistle.

Queensland: Walker, Meagher, Whiticker, Catchpole, Nielsen, Carrigan, Wilkins, Jones (Millman), Monaghan, McGuckin (Fagan), Johnstone.

Manchester City: Dowd, Book, Heslop, Pardoe, Booth, Donachie, Oakes, Carrodus, Bowyer, Owen, Young.

— Allan Fouche

SA thrashed

Huge defensive blunders by the South Australian defence rather than inspired attacking football by the visitors paved the way for Manchester City's 4-0 win over SA in Adelaide last Wednesday week.

Two of City's goals were the result of foolish backpasses by defenders to goalie Romanowicz.

SA: Romanowicz, Nyskohus, Kefaloudis, Kouzapa, Burdett, Perin (Serafini), Pantelis, Birch, Norman, Kolecki (Wetton), Zerfas.

Manchester City: Corrigan, Book, Pardoe, Jeffries, Heslop, Oakes, Booth, Carrodus, Owen, Young, Towers.

Scorers: Booth, Owen, Heslop, Young.

Crowd: 12,500.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	7	1	0	21	8	15
JUST	5	1	2	21	14	11
Croatia	4	2	2	14	7	10
Melbourne	4	2	2	17	10	10
Wilhelmina	4	2	2	17	11	10
Hellas	3	4	1	9	8	10
Polonia	3	1	4	12	12	7
George Cross	1	3	4	10	15	5
Alexander	1	3	4	8	15	5
Lions	1	2	5	10	22	4
Hakoah	1	2	4	6	15	4
Slavia	0	3	4	4	12	3

SA TABLE

Juventus	4	—	—	14	2	8
Hellas	3	2	—	21	3	8
Polonia	4	—	1	7	3	8
Lion	3	—	2	11	6	6
Budapest	3	—	2	7	7	6
Victoria	1	2	2	3	5	4
Azzurri	—	2	2	3	5	2
Cumberland	1	—	4	6	13	2
Port	1	—	4	6	19	2
Croatia	1	—	4	3	18	2

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TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	6	—	1	19	5	12
South Sydney	5	—	2	19	10	10
Marconi	4	2	1	9	6	10
Melita Eagles	4	1	2	13	8	9
South Coast	4	1	2	10	7	9
APIA	4	1	2	14	13	7
Auburn	2	2	4	13	17	6
Canterbury	2	1	4	7	16	5
Hakoah	1	2	4	9	10	4
Pan Hellenic	2	—	5	9	13	4
St. George	2	—	4	7	13	4
Ryde	—	2	4	7	17	2

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Sydney	6	1	—	18	6	13
Hakoah	5	1	—	21	4	11
South Coast	5	—	1	13	5	10
Prague	4	1	2	17	5	9
APIA	3	3	1	8	6	9
St. George	3	1	2	11	7	7
Pan Hellenic	3	1	3	13	12	7
Auburn	3	—	5	11	12	6
Marconi	2	1	4	12	21	5
Ryde	1	2	3	6	12	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	5	4	17	3
Canterbury	—	—	7	2	29	—

SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	6	1	—	20	7	13
Manly	6	1	—	20	9	13
Sutherland	4	1	2	15	6	9
Polonia	4	1	2	16	9	9
Balgownie	4	1	2	11	8	9
Bankstown	4	1	2	16	14	9
NS-Inter	3	2	2	14	10	8
Artarmon	3	2	2	10	11	8
Concordia	1	1	5	8	15	3
Granville	1	—	6	9	20	2
Hornsby-NE	—	1	6	5	20	1
Corinthians	—	—	7	8	23	—

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	7	—	—	30	9	14
Western Subs.	6	1	—	25	8	13
Artarmon	6	1	—	20	8	13
Sutherland	4	—	3	17	12	8
Balgownie	3	1	3	13	11	7
Bankstown	3	1	3	14	16	7
Polonia	3	—	4	10	11	6
Corinthians	3	—	4	14	16	6
Granville	2	—	5	12	20	4
NS-Inter	1	1	5	12	20	3
Concordia	1	—	6	4	20	2
Hornsby-NE	—	1	6	4	24	1

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	6	1	—	23	4	13
Bankstown	6	1	—	28	7	13
Western Subs.	5	1	1	31	4	11
Granville	5	1	1	14	5	11
Manly	5	—	2	14	8	10
Sutherland	3	—	4	18	17	6
Polonia	3	—	4	14	14	6
Hornsby-NE	3	—	4	15	23	6
Artarmon	2	—	5	11	14	4
Concordia	1	—	6	4	23	2
Corinthians	1	—	6	6	24	2
NS-Inter	—	—	7	2	37	—

AMATEURS

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	8	—	—	27	7	16
Enmore	6	2	—	26	7	14
W. Sutherland	4	3	1	25	14	11
Wenty	2	5	1	16	14	9
N. Bankstown	4	1	3	14	15	9
Belmore	3	2	3	18	17	8
Banks City	3	2	3	15	18	8
Marrickville	2	2	4	15	15	6
Riverside R.	2	2	4	14	21	6
Lane Cove	1	3	4	9	18	5
East Side	2	—	6	16	24	4
South Sydney	—	—	8	5	30	—

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'ffe Scots	6	2	—	15	3	14
Uni. NSW	5	1	2	17	8	11
Campbelltown	5	1	2	16	10	11
Gladesville	4	2	1	16	7	10
Condell Park	4	1	3	23	14	9
Newtown	3	3	2	12	11	9
Warringah	3	1	4	17	13	7
Kewpie	3	1	4	12	16	7
Yagoona	3	—	6	12	25	6
Revesby W.	2	1	3	14	14	5
Blacktown	1	1	6	10	22	3
Lidcombe	1	—	7	10	30	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebery R.	8	—	—	50	8	16
Ravens	6	2	—	33	12	14
Bondi	6	1	1	22	10	13
Chelsea	4	1	3	26	16	9
Sydney Uni.	3	2	3	16	18	8
Auburn	3	1	4	22	15	7
Nepean	2	3	3	17	23	7
Dee Why	3	1	4	14	29	7
West Ryde	2	1	5	18	21	5
Liverpool	2	1	5	8	26	5
Greenacre	1	1	6	7	38	3
Fairfield-Kiev	1	—	7	8	26	2

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queen's Park	7	1	—	35	6	15
A'ffe RSL	7	—	1	31	15	14
Maroubra	6	1	1	39	7	13
Greenwich	5	2	1	20	12	12
Magpie	5	1	2	26	16	11
Thornleigh	3	1	4	12	35	7
Padstow Park	3	—	5	31	20	6
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	5	19	22	6
Castle Hill	3	—	5	25	35	6
Revesby Rovers	2	—	6	18	30	4
Annandale	—	—	7	7	45	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

Prague v. South Sydney	1-2	0-1
Melita v. Hakoah	2-0	0-5
Pan Hellenic v. Marconi	0-1	2-3
APIA v. Auburn	3-2	1-0

SECOND DIVISION

(All Grades)

Granv. v. S'land	1-4	1-5	3-0
C'cordia v. Wests	2-3	0-1	0-6
Polonia v. Manly	1-4	0-4	3-2
Artarmon v. B'town	1-3	3-2	1-3
Hornsby v. NS-Inter	0-2	1-3	2-0
B'gownie v. Corins.	1-0	0-1	5-1

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

DEFEAT WOULD SPELL DOOM FOR POLONIA

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Manly and Western Suburbs — the two unbeaten teams in the competition — are drawing away from the rest of the field as both teams won again last week.

Under the guidance of coach Brian McDonald, Manly has developed into a hard-hitting side which is staking strong claims for the 1970 premiership as their crushing 4-1 win over Polonia last Sunday indicates.

Polonia v. Manly 1-4

The first half was pretty even with both sides playing good football.

Manly hit the front with a freak goal when the ball from McGill's free-kick caught the wind and swerved unexpectedly into the net.

Polonia drew level soon after the break with an "own" goal, but Manly stormed back with three quick goals that really stunned Polonia.

Polonia: Tipping; Round, Calphy; Adamson, Starek, Winiarski; Gamanski, Wozniczko, Szmidt, Cottle (Chodkiewicz), Hoare.

Manly: Gee; Tatt, G. Jones; Hutchinson (o.g.), Jagger, McGill (1); Hendry, McDonald (1), Hughes (1), (R. Jones 1), Stocks, Crawford.

Artarmon v. Bankstown 1-3

In a scrappy game at Acron Oval, Bankstown had the better of play and were always in control.

Bankstown were the more constructive side and deserved to lead 2-0 at halftime.

Artarmon came back strongly in the second half, but Bankstown still retained command with each side scoring once.

Artarmon: Lamb; Armor, M. Nacinovich; McGuinness, Mack (Smith), Harding; Seaborn, K. Nacinovich (May), Mula (1), Morgan, Haynes.

Bankstown: Friedl; Fitzgerald, Farrell; Maugham, Sheldrick, Paterson; Roberts, Madden (1), White (1), Mullen (1), Clarke.

Hornsby-NE v. NS-Inter 0-2

Inter scored first just before halftime through an exchange between Valdemar and Santoro with the latter flashing the ball into the net.

Hornsby came back strongly in the second half and made more frequent attacks, but could not pierce the solid Inter defence.

Inter's second goal was scored by centre-half Ledesma from the penalty spot after Santoro was brought down in the penalty box.

Hornsby-NE: Campbell; Baber, Shields; Gray, Hughes, Stokes; Martin (Ramsey), Brown, Dickerson, Gaskill, Cossettini.

NS-Inter: Power; Slater, Stuart; Alvarez, Ledesma (1), Manrique; Ruttley, Santoro (1), Valdemar, F. Caridad (Santos), Aldridge.

Concordia v. Wests 2-3

Hampered by a strong, straight wind across the field, Wests managed to gain control in the first half to lead 2-0 at the break.

However, Concordia fought back after the resumption and once they reduced the leeway through a goal by Peter Whyte, the fight was really on.

Wests went further ahead but Concordia scored from the penalty spot by Gerry Mestrum and in the last minutes, staged a storming finish in pursuit of the equaliser.

Concordia: Mapstone; Besseling, Fransejovich; Tulloch, Miller, Whyte (1), (Mestrum 1 penalty); Gillespie, Kappacher (Baumgartner), Erasmus, Eichert, Smit.

Wests: Kelly; Van Blerk, Hargreaves; Harrison, Guildea, Blue; Scully (1), Bijkerk (1), (Johnson), Byles, McMeechan (1), Pont (Hindmarsh).

Granville v. Sutherland 1-4

The game was hardly a minute old when Sutherland had the ball in the Granville net — an advantage that it retained to the end.

Granville played some good football in the first half, but the emphasis was more on defence than attack.

Sutherland were more dominant in midfield in the second half and midway through the period two goals within 30 seconds put the issue beyond doubt even though each side score once after this.

Granville: Maher; Pendleton, Conroy; Brooks, Staunton, Biglands; H. Williams (Crelly), Loftus, Miranda, Reid (Lee), O'Neill (1).

Sutherland: Earl, (Buchan); Perry, Chellew; Bennett, Cilia, Watts; Caygill (2), Johnson, Lavan, Woods (2), Cooper.

Balgownie v. Corinthians 1-0

Balgownie had to fight all the way to keep both points at home against the visiting Corinthians, scoring the only goal of the match only three minutes from fulltime.

Corinthians had a big share of the ball, but lethargic forward play was again their undoing.

PREVIEW

The Polonia-Wests clash at Bankstown Soccer Centre is undoubtedly the "match of the week."

If Polonia drop another two points they can kiss goodbye to their promotion ambitions as even at this early stage it will be hard for them to catch up.

Wests are certain to stage a do-or-die effort for this vital encounter, and if Manly wins on Saturday they cannot afford to loose any points.

Richard Krawiarz will return to Polonia after serving his one-match suspension and this should enhance the team's scoring potential but Wests should rise to the occasion and win.

In other matches, Manly should remain unbeaten against Artarmon and Sutherland should win a close match against Concordia.

With ground advantage, Bankstown ought to beat Balgownie, while North Sydney-Inter could be too strong for Granville.

Hornsby, playing with new-found confidence, are tipped to down Corinthians after a hard game.

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SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Ryde v. St. George — Marks Field
Marconi v. Prague — Marconi Oval
Manly v. Artarmon — Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, MAY 24

South Sydney v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
South Coast v. Melita Eagles — Woonona Oval
APIA v. Hakoah — Lambert Park
Auburn v. Pan Hellenic — Mona Park
NS-Inter v. Granville — Cammeray Park
Sutherland v. Concordia — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia v. Western Suburbs — Bankstown Soccer Centre
Bankstown v. Balgownie — Bankstown Oval
Corinthians v. Hornsby-NE — Jubilee Oval

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Manchester City International — Sportsground

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Prague v. Auburn — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Marconi — Arlington Oval
St. George v. South Sydney — Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles v. Ryde — Mona Park
Hakoah v. SCU — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Pan Hellenic — Lambert Park
Granville v. Corinthians — Macarthur Park
Concordia v. NS-Inter — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia v. Sutherland — Bankstown Soccer Centre
Artarmon v. Wests — Ground to be arranged
Bankstown v. Manly — Bankstown Oval
Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE — Balgownie Oval

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COUPON No. 5

These are my forecasts for the NSW First and Second Division matches to be played on May 23-24. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw and 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

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MARCONI v. PRAGUE ....
RYDE v. ST. GEORGE ....
SOUTH SYDNEY v. CANTERBURY ....
SOUTH COAST v. MELITA EAGLES ....
APIA v. HAKOAH ....
AUBURN v. PAN HELLENIC ....
MANLY v. ARTARMON ....
NS-INTER v. GRANVILLE ....
SUTHERLAND v. CONCORDIA ....
WESTERN SUBURBS v. POLONIA ....
BANKSTOWN v. BALGOWNIE ....
CORINTHIANS v. HORNSBY-NE ....

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SYDNEY MINOR GRADES

SECOND GRADE

APIA 3: McQuire, Callaghan, McNamara, Parkin, Smart, Delnido, Pedulla, Clochiatti (1), M. Smith, Butler, G. MacKinnon (1), G. Burnett (1).

Auburn 2: Champ, Brown, McFadyen, Morley, Atherton, De Santi, Jaszaewski, Obradove, Cornford, Hawkins (1), G. Smith (1).

Referee: K. Anderson.

Pan Hellenic 0: Maglis, Walker, Dimitriadis, Nicolopoulos, Sparsis, Patrinos (own goal), Garrett, Zounis, Hoxha, Demos, Tiliakos.

Marconi 1: Iro, Pesa, Kosanic, Jones, Puncochar, G. Giacometti, Vibert, Robertson, Bukarica, Morn, Dobbin.

Referee: T. O'Connor.

South Sydney 2: Easter, Campbell, Carr, Darvill, Page, Thomson, Reynolds (Dalforno), Randles, Williams (1), Ross, Yaager (1).

Prague 1: Tuinman, Hill, McLaughlin, Parkhouse, Pedersen, Allen, R. Manuel, G. Manuel, Blanco, Pollard, Lowry (1).

Referee: A. Day.

Melita Eagles 2: Hoszowski, Henretty (Hünter), Brown, McLyneaux, J. McAusland, McAlister, Nemet, Goldie, Smith, Kerklaan (1), Azzopardi (1).

Hakoah 0: Fuzes, Hillsdon, Gow, Gardiner, Sutherland, Isaac, Balafas, Edwards, Parkins, Cudek, Burns.

Referee: R. Pearce.

THIRD GRADE

APIA 1: Hudson, McGough, Lattari, Casella, Smart, Siddle, Lee, Grbevski, Lamotta (1), Steel, Lewis.

Auburn 0: Grace, Vale, Murray, Prigg, Stacey, Stiffle, Dort, Leek, George, Rea, Milne.

Referee: N.F. Jones.

Pan Hellenic 2: Tiliakos, Papadopoulos, Anastasiadis, Sotos, Conditsis, M. Peters, M.W. Peters, Petsalis (1), Koudonis (1), Zanakis, Hatzikalyminiou.

Marconi 3: Sartoretto, Premutico, Mailak, Stark, Barton, Wadwell (1), Celotti (1), Lindgen, B. Nielsen, Gallagher (1), D. Nielsen.

Referee: C. De Looper.

South Sydney 1: Schutt, Adams, Bramston, Platt, B. Woods, S. Woods, Waldock, Elder, Page, McCarry, Juresic (1).

Prague 0: Bertinetti, McComish, K. Butt, Parkhouse, Jennings, S. Butt, Anasis, Cronk, Seluage, McKenzie, Boland.

Referee: W. Phelps.

Melita Eagles 0: Debono, Screen, Abello, M. Fazackerly Jnr., M. Fazackerly Snr. Agius, Dockerty, Pondekos, Carr, Sammut, Chircop.

Hakoah 5: Carsten, Norman, Watson, Lynch, Goldstein (1), Grasso, Reynolds, McAusland, Barnes (3), Silver (1), Markovic.

Referee: W. Bruce.

BUFFET-DANCE

The NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches
will hold a fund-raising function at the
CASTLE COVE COUNTRY CLUB
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